Loan from IBRD, IMF, etc. by Public Sector Corporations

734. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector corporations which have sought loan and have already received the same from the International financial institutions like IBRD, IMF, etc.; and

(b) what are the details of the amount of loans thus received by the said public sector corporations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The International Monetary Fund does not extend project-tied loans Details of assistance currently being received by public sector corporations from the World Bank Group (International Bank for Reconstruction & Development and International Development Association) are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 37]

East Pakistani refugees in India

735. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of East Pakistani (now Bangladesh) refugees who had migrated to India;

(b) what is the number of applications pending with the Custodian of Enemy Property for India from East Pakistani refugees claiming compensation;

(c) how many claim papers have been varified;

(d) whether full amount of verified claims has been paid to the applicants whose cases have been finalised;

(e) if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(f) whether Government are taking steps to ensure that full compensation amount to the claimants is paid; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) 52.31 lakhs displaced persons migrated to India from former East Pakistan upto 25-3-1971.

(b) and (c) 57,493 claims were registered with the Custodian of Enemy Property, out of which 11,671 claims cases remain to be processed. 24,163 claim cases have been disposed so far. 21,659 claims have been treated as dormant.

(d) to (f) Ministry of Commerce administers payment of ex-gratia grant to Indian nationals|companies whose assets were seized by the Government of Pakistan during Indo-Pak conflict of 1965 and who registered their claims with the Custodian of Enemy Property within the stipulated date i.e. 31-7-1977. The relief is given in the form of ex-gratia grant from the Consolidated Fund of India at the rate of 25 per cent of the verified value of claims. No further payment in addition to 25 per cent of the verified claims is envisaged under ex-gratia scheme.

Excise duty on glass containers

736. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the glass containers are reusable;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping the excise duty on glass containers so much higher than tin containers;

(c) what is the import component of glass containers as compared to the import component for tin containers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to bring down the excise rate of glass containers to that of the tin containers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. There are glass containers which are re-usable.

(b) Even though the incidence of excise duty on glass containers is higher than that on tin containers, the incidence of duty on raw materials used in the manufacture of tin containers is much higher than that in the case of glass containers. The rates of duty on various goods are decided having regard to relevant considerations including the end-use thereof.

(c) The import component in the manufacturing cost of tin containers and glass containers depends on a variety of factors such as the nature of the product, the process of manufacture, indigenous availability of inputs, etc.

(d) There is no proposal at present to equate the central excise duty on glass containers with the duty on tin containers.

Interception of T.N.Vs by B.S.F.

737. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last nine years, the B.S.F. could not intercept even a single Tripura National Volunteer while crossing over the border; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In an encounter on 2-9-1980 the BSF killed one TNV extremist and two other extremists were arrested near Ultachera under Police Station Gandachera, South Tripura. The BSF also arrested another TNV extremist during the period in question.

(b) The BSF has been deployed on the Tripura border for border guarding duties. While vigil on the border has been increased, factors like difficult terrain, lack of proper road communication and problem of identification of extremists limit the performance of BSF in this regard.

Tripura-Bangladesh border fencing

738. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what progress has so far been made in the proposed barbed wire fencing and observation towers on the Tripura-Bangladesh border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): In phase I, the work of survey for construction of road alone along the Bangladesh border adjoining the State of Tripura has been taken up. 3 additional observation post towers are presently under construction and another 182 will be constructed during the next three years.

Stoppage of production of small coins

739. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to stop production of 5 paise, 10 paise and 20 paise coins; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.